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WITHIN THE WEEK

Gen'l HURLEY, it now appears, was particularly unfortunate in timing his resignation as ambassador to China. For his own best interests he should perhaps have resigned months ago—or waited a few wks longer. Our position in China has of late been somewhat clarified. The fact that Pres TRUMAN is now sending to that nation, as his representative, a 5-star gen'l who only a few wks ago was our chief in command is further evidence that the Administration purposes to further its support of the Nationalist gov't. (This military gesture, quite incidentally, may add to the current uneasiness of China's neighbor, Russia.)

The troubles of Gen'l HURLEY date back to period when he was 1st sent to China to secure supreme command of Chinese armies for Gen'l STILWELL. He contrived to do this, despite fact that relations between CHIANG KAI SHEK and STILWELL were very bad. However, at last minute, incredibly inept bungling of STILWELL queered the deal. In his negotiations with CHIANG KAI SHEK, at that time, Gen'l HURLEY alienated pro-Communist American diplomats at Chungking and they have been consistently knifing him ever since then.

Gen'l HURLEY's resignation may serve to spotlight an incongruous situation in State Dep't. It's

been developing for yrs and is well known to insiders. Fundamental differences between HULL and WELLES set pattern for dissension yrs ago. Situation has further deteriorated under well-intentioned but harassed BYRNES. Now, there's about as much co-ordination in State Dep't as you'd find in a football team sponsored by an institution for the mentally impaired. There's one group of career diplomats with leftish leanings, who incline to "think with their feelings." But there's also another faction, less recognized, who play the outdated game of power politics at every opportunity. In between, there are all manner of cliques, pulling this way and that. Investigation and reorganization is long overdue.

LABOR: PHILIP MURRAY was of course talking nonsense when he asserted in a radio speech this wk that Pres TRUMAN had "embarked upon a policy of continued appeasement of American industry in the face of its contemptuous attitude toward the American people and the gov't itself." In proposing his fact-finding panel the Pres was acting in the long-range interests of labor. His purpose was to try to stave off labor-limiting legislation by an exasperated congress that hourly approaches the boiling point.



SHIFTING SANDS

You have heard a good deal, and may hear much more concerning the course of some mfgs who are said to be holding up del'y of consumer goods on the expectation of escaping a portion of excess profits levies on their new production, since this tax goes off on Jan 1. Probably this strategy is being employed in a limited number of cases but it hardly makes sense as a gen'l policy... No doubt Gen'l Motors views the current shut-down more philosophically than would have been the case had the strike occurred a few wks later. But they would not have curtailed production voluntarily. Value of getting established in waiting mkts should, in most cases, more than offset tax penalties. Thus we believe most firms are eager to get goods distributed as rapidly as they can be produced. Whatever the factors that have been scotching distribution of consumer wares, you may expect marked improvement early next yr.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"Dec 7, 1941 will seem like a quiet day in the country in comparison with the first day of the next war."—Maj Gen'l CURTIS E LEMAY.

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"The American people are paying too much attention to Poland, Bulgaria, Germany and Japan and not enough to our own war-ravaged nationals in the Philippines."—PAUL V McNUTT, newly appointed U S High Commissioner in the Philippines.

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"It must have been something else."—Prof JAMES G MOORE, horticulturist of U of Wisc, contending that it wasn't an apple with which Eve tempted Adam. MOORE said the apple has been developed by horticulturists who started their experiments long ago using a bitter, inedible wild fruit from Southeastern Europe or Southwestern Asia.

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"I did nothing but work for wages (top prices) to win this war. With this thought in mind, I am willing to sacrifice my job to any service man who fought and bled for my country and my family. Boys, come and get it."—Ad inserted in Gallup, N Mex, newspaper by J L CORBOVA, junior high school janitor with a family of five to support.

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"If GIs returning to America take us as a criterion of Japanese girls, then our responsibility is heavy indeed."—HANAKO SAN, most popular rug cutter at Tokyo's oasis of Ginza. Said Miss SAN: "I consider my work part of internat'l diplomacy.

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"I think it proves the common man the world over, regardless of race or creed or previous training, responds to and is appreciative of fair and honest treatment and will become a good citizen under such a code."—Col JOHN M McDOWELL, commanding officer of the 4th District, 2nd Service Command, as many of the 4,000 German war prisoners, sullen and arrogant when they 1st arrived in western N Y in '44, wept openly during processing for return to Germany.

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YOU ON THAT?"

"We should always be in a constant state of preparedness, for we have never found a way to stop war, although I hope we do."—Gen'l GEORGE S PATTON.

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"Our garrisons must occupy Germany and Japan until we are certain they have lost forever their taste for aggression."—Gen'l JONATHAN M WAINWRIGHT.

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"The world organization of which I am thinking is one designed to stop war with the atomic bomb in the hands of the U S A as the club behind its door to be used only when a bandit goes berserk."—Sen EDWIN C JOHNSON, endorsing pending bill to authorize contribution of U S troops to international pool.

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"For the benefit of the hungry children of Europe, regardless of . . . race, creed or nationality."—Note accompanying gift of \$65,610 sent to the Internat'l Red Cross by German prisoners of war interned at Ft Leonard Wood, Mo.

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"If we don't go crazy and overbuild plants during those yrs, we should be able to pull thru the depression without getting hurt badly."—Sir ARTHUR BALFOUR, British industrialist and banker, predicting a world-wide depression after 5 yrs of boom.

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"This is a tiny country and it would be stripped of everything movable within a month if the bars against exports were suddenly removed."—An official of the Eire commerce ministry explaining stringent curbing of export sales.

"I'm afraid that all of San Francisco's campaigns to keep other cities from referring to our fair city as 'Frisco' have been in vain. They've got the habit, an affectionate one, of saying 'Frisco' and it can't be broken."—WILLIAM H WOODFIELD, Jr, Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America, returning to San Francisco from a 4-mo tour of the country.

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"Young men and women do not want to be bad—if they are, it is because the community somehow failed them." — SHIRLEY TEMPLE AGAR, speaking to the Nat'l Youth conference and board meeting of the Gen'l Federation of Women's Clubs.

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"When I saw a line, I just got on the end of it from habit. That's the best thing to do. If you find it's something you don't want, you can always get out."—BURFORD TAYLOR, ex-GI, Kansas City, interviewed by an inquiring reporter. (Line was comprised of women seeking nylon hose, TAYLOR bought pr for his wife, "to fit a size 7 shoe.")

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"We cannot make a heaven in our country and leave a hell outside."—CLEMENT ATTLEE, British Prime Minister.

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"I should again support the Fuehrer as I knew him when we took over reigning Germany."—HERMAN GOERING, testifying at Nurnberg trial that he is still a Nazi.

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"It is a valuable collection of stamps, but not a \$1 million collection. I appraised it at \$80,000."—GEO B SLOANE, philatelic authority, commenting on FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT stamp collection, soon to be sold at public auction.

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"A canon law is a canon law. I guess we'll make other plans."—BETTE DAVIS, motion picture actress upon being told that, because she is a divorcee, she could not be married in the Episcopal church at Laguna Beach, where she met her fiance 4 wks ago. (Couple was wed at Mission Inn, Riverside).

"May we say that a star is born?"—Question put to N. Y's Mayor LA GUARDIA by interviewer after he had signed contract with American Broadcasting Co. LA GUARDIA replied: "You may say it is beginning to twinkle, and can say the little flower gets some watering."

Marriage Marathon

"This is it. This is the real thing."—TOMMY MANVILLE, announcing selection of his 8th and "last" wife.

"You can say this is the last marriage. Now I am married to the man of my choice."—PEGGY HOPKINS JOYCE, currently honeymooning with her 5th husband, ANTHONY EASTON, consulting engineer.

"If anybody thinks we can keep the secret of atomic energy, you can put it down as just wishful thinking. With \$100 million and the chemists and physicists to work on the project, any nation—or for that matter any individual—can put it over."—Prof HENRY B HASS, head of Purdue U chemistry dep't.

"I've never been up so early in my life. This is not human."—EDWARD J FLYNN, Bronx Democratic leader after an 8 a m rendezvous with Pres TRUMAN.

"When I wore shoes I used to cough and choke all night. Now I sleep like a baby."—TOM SMILEY, Texas att'y, who has not worn shoes for more than 2 yrs.

"We can afford to split the atom but we cannot afford to split the Big Three."—Rep HELEN GAHAGAN DOUGLAS.

"We chose in him a genius of destruction."—BALDUR VON SCHIRLACH, ex-Nazi youth boss, offering epitaph for Hitler.

"I am certain that all airplanes—military, transport, or private—will make use of jet propulsion within 10 yrs."—HALL L HIBBARD, Lockheed chief engineer.

"The only difference between a Chinese Communist and an Okla Republican is that the Okla Republican is not armed."—Maj Gen'l PATRICK HURLEY, former Ambassador to China.

"It's a good thing for us that Christmas comes but once a yr."—Postmaster OSCAR PHILLIPS, Santa Claus, Ind, anticipating huge volume of Holiday mail to be decorated with coveted "Santa Claus" post mark.

"(Great Britain should) make an immediate application for entry as a 49th state in the U S A."—ROBERT BOOTHBY, prominent Tory backbencher. BOOTHBY declared that this should be done in order for Britain to derive some of the advantages of "complete economic domination by the U S A" if the Labor Gov't decides to borrow from the U S and return to the gold standard and multilateral free trade.

"Big ice box 7 x 17 ft inside. Could be fixed to live in like trailer." — Classified ad, *Omaha World-Herald*.

"The principle of atomic energy is no more an American secret than is the art of raising tomatoes. It is just a matter of time until any scientist will be able to produce atomic bombs. Thus it is rather foolish to talk about our 'secret' when there isn't any secret."—BOOTH TARKINGTON, 77 yr old novelist, expressing his concern for the world as it enters the atomic age.

"No one becomes a mother of triplets intentionally."—Mrs BERN OWANO, Chicago, pres, Mothers of Triplets Ass'n, currently campaigning for 3-seated baby buggies and something in way of a gov't allotment.

"We have so degraded the democracy for which we fought, that, when brought to the bar of judgment, it will be found a harlot that has been whistled off the streets of chaos."—Sen BURTON K WHEELER.

"I deplore the way some of our young leading men show an entire lack of interest in their dress."—ADOLPHE MENJOU, Hollywood actor, who plans a movement to do something about the condition.

"Should a child indicate such a desire, the Santa Claus must gracefully resist such an attempt."—Dr CHAS V CRASTER, Newark, N J, Health Officer, advocating a sanitary Christmas by ruling that Santa Clauses must not kiss children this yr. Dr CRASTER also asked them to carry clean handkerchiefs, keep their beards clean.

"What I want is a quiet life. I don't want any trouble or any noise. I ask you—what's quieter than a mortuary."—M/Sgt JOHN HODGSON who is planning to become a mortician on his discharge. (Quoted in *Yank*)

"Such animals will no longer be able to snoop around where the food is being prepared."—Dr J MONROE CAMPBELL, deputy sec'y of health, Harrisburg, Pa, explaining new Pa hygiene regulation under which cats, dogs, other pets may not accompany customers into restaurants.



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MINING THE MAGAZINES

"Peace on Earth . . . Perhaps,"—
LT ROB'T McLAUGHLIN (author, *A
Short Wait Between Trains*), *Vogue*,
12-1-'45.

It would be an epochal and wonderful thing if the ideals preached by men of good-will should suddenly transform the world. But it's not likely—Christianity has thundered these very truths for 2000 yrs and they have fallen unheard in a wilderness. But wait—today, this very minute, these moralizings, always recognized but never practiced, have an urgency none can ignore. The precepts of humanity are suddenly armed with a threat more immediate than God's anger . . .

When Hiroshima, a city the size of Denver, Colo., was blown flat by a single bomb, with it went the possibility of an imposed peace, enforced by any group of major powers such as Britain, Russia and ourselves.

The atomic age will be no respecter of size. The potential aggressor can be anywhere; it can be a nation as minuscule as Albania and Monaco. A small state with a few competent, willing scientists can embark on world conquest as easily as a great one.

The issue is very clear. We must lick the world or join it. There is no other or easier way out. In 3 or 5 yrs it may too late; in 20 it will certainly be.

For the 1st time in the history of man cold, logical self-interest is bedded with the most lofty ideals. We become one world or we become none. We become one race, one human kind, one brotherhood of man—or we die.

The choice which lies before us is as simple as that.

ADVERSITY

Everyone is on a cross. Some ask to be taken down like the thief on the left; others ask to be taken up like the thief on the right.—Msgr FULTON J SHEEN

APPRECIATION—Self

It is interesting to note that when God made man he didn't arrange any of the joints of his bones so he could pat himself on the back.—*Banking*.

BLESSINGS—Unappreciated

By a misplaced blow with the hammer, a man disabled one of his thumbs. "That's too bad," said a friend several days afterwards.

"No, it isn't" replied the man, almost resentfully. "It is one of the best things that ever happened to me. It has taught me to appreciate that thumb. I never knew its value before. I found out by actual count the 1st day that there were 257 things I had been using that thumb for every day of my life without ever giving it a thought—and it was practically indispensable for every one of them. We never value our commonest blessings until we are deprived of them."—*World Call*.

CAREER—Selection

Most Americans have happened into the jobs they fill with about as much judgment in the choice of a career as is exercised in the old jingle in which you count the buttons on your clothes to the accompaniment of "Rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief, doctor, lawyer, Indian chief," in order to learn what fate has in store for you. . . It's all very well to be a self-made man, but the right start is a head start.—JOAN DAVID, "Education Is Good Business," *Nation's Business*, 11-'45.

CHRISTMAS—Giving

As the little suburban town of Scarsdale, N Y sat down to its Christmas dinners, an unusually large number of families were thrilled to hear the doorbell ring and receive a Special Delivery letter from their boys at the front. It wasn't until after the holidays that Scarsdale discovered how

these letters happened to arrive at such a happy moment. On Dec 24, an unknown citizen had walked into the Post Office, put a big bill down on the counter and said, "I want to buy Special Delivery stamps for all servicemen's letters that come in tomorrow. I think their families would enjoy getting them on Christmas day."—*This Week*.

They DO Say . . .

HARRY THOMPSON, in *Sales Mgt* reports that the name "atomobile" has already been registered for protection against the day atomic energy may replace gasoline . . . Gossip has it that the radio quiz show, *Break the Bank* has taken out insurance against too many persons hitting the jackpot . . . There's a waiting list of nearly 5,000 for the Chicago-London air flight and they can take 30 a wk! . . . Dep't of Social Significance or Something Similar: BILL MAULDIN's *Up Front* continues to outsell Gen'l MARSHALL's *Report* . . . Normalcy Notes: *20th Century Ltd* is again spreading the crimson and gray carpet for departing passengers at NY and Chicago . . . Elated butchers report passing of the points saves half their time.

CHRISTMAS—Gratitude

It was the day after Christmas in a Catholic church in San Francisco. The father was in the church looking over the representation of the stable in Bethlehem, when he noticed to his surprise that the infant Jesus was missing. Then he looked outside the church and saw a little boy with a red wagon, and in the red wagon was the little infant Jesus.

He walked up to the boy and said, "What have you got in your wagon?"

"I have the little Lord Jesus," replied the boy.

"Where did you get him?" inquired the kindly priest.

"I got him from the church," was the reply.

"And why did you do this?"

"Well, father, a week before Christmas I prayed to the little Lord Jesus and I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas I would give him a ride round the block." —*Magazine Digest*.

COMPASSION

Candelaria, our Mexican cook, was painstakingly nursing back to health a cockerel who had broken his leg. In the midst of her ministrations she ordered her assistant to kill a chicken for the senior's supper.

"But why," I asked, "do you kill a healthy chick and try to cure this one?"

Candelaria gave me a look of horror. "Ay, senor," she remonstrated. "Break himself the leg and be killed, all the same day? Ay, no, my poor little one!" —*DANE CHANDOS, Village in the Sun*. (Putman)

DIVORCE

The divorce problem exists simply because there are too many married couples and two few husbands and wives. —*Nuggets*.

EVIL—Thought

A woman, cornering the great English lexicographer, gushed: "Oh, Dr Johnson, I was distressed to find that you had included so many naughty words in your dictionary."

Johnson looked at her coldly and replied: "And I, madam, am distressed to learn that you looked for them!" —*Hoosier Motorist*.

FUTILITY

The frog flew into a rage but the lake wasn't aware of it.—Saying of ancient Greeks; reported by B J MARKETOS, in *A Proverb For It*. (New World Pub's)

HONESTY

Recently a client went to his attorney and said: "I am going into a business deal with a man I do not trust. I want you to frame an air-tight contract which he can't break and which will protect me from any sort of mischief which he may have on his mind."

"Listen, my friend," said the attorney, "there is no group of words

in the English language which will take the place of plain honesty between men, or which will fully protect either of you if you plan to deceive each other." —*ERNEST HAYCOCK, "Peace Is What We Make It," Rotarian*, 11-'45

INGENUITY

A Cleveland executive has no trouble getting a room in any city, without notice. He hires private ambulances, checks in at nearest hospital for "observation." —*Parade*.

Christmas Eve

There in the light of that
supernal star,

Which only love and faith
in love can see.

Let us rededicate all that we
are

To all that God intended us
to be.

Thus only may the star an-
nounce the birth

In us of peace and warm good
will on earth.

—*CHAS HENRY MACKINTOSH,
Good Business*.

INJUSTICE

Injustice in this world is not something comparative; the wrong is deep, clear and absolute in each private fate. A bruised child wailing in the street, his small world for the moment utterly black and cruel before him, does not fetch his unhappiness from sophisticated comparisons or irrational envy; nor can any compensation and celestial harmonies supervening later ever expunge or justify that moment's bitterness. —*GEORGE SANTAYANA, Reason in Society*. (Scribner)

LOVE—and Life

Engaged couples are like a couple of explorers starting off with a bagful of sweetmeats as provisions. —*MARY BORDEN, The Technique of Marriage*.

MANNERS

"Have you any abnormal children in your class?" a harassed-looking teacher was asked.

"Yes," she replied, "2 of them have good manners." —*The Wyatt Way*.



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MEGAPHONE**

Two yrs ago LOUIS BROMFIELD suggested to a food processing group in convention that time would come when vegetables and fruits would be graded not only by size and appearance, but according to vitamin content, as determined by soils in which they were grown. Idea, then considered revolutionary, is gaining acceptance. Result, in our judgment, will be relatively early development of new branch of agrology: the mineralization of soils primarily for the purpose of producing crops of higher nutritive value. Already, some experimental work of great interest and value has been done by U S Plant Soil & Nutrition Lab'y. One of the mfgs of agricultural equipment is working on a machine to mineralize soils more scientifically than has heretofore been practicable. It is suggested that specialists of future may analyze soils, contract to supply mineral deficiencies.

Something rather revolutionary is happening in the profession of photographic modeling — in case you care. Largely thru astute efforts of model agencies, plus tremendous publicity models have gained, the girls now get lion's share of high fees formerly pocketed by photographers. A few top-notch models make \$100,000 a yr; incomes of \$100 a day from modeling aren't uncommon. One result: popular models are no longer impressed when Hollywood beckons.

ADRIAN, Pacific Coast model service, recently held out this lure in an ad for models: "All our models have married and found happy homes. We hope you won't find a husband for at least a yr if you come. But don't let that stop you."



AGRICULTURE: New strain of wheat which grows each yr without being seeded anew has been developed by scientists in the Soviet Union. (*Grit*)

FOOD: New glass-topped dining table has steam compartment in center. Meal can be pre-cooked, stored in heater. Hostess can serve without leaving table. (*Nat'l Home Monthly*)

MEDICINE: A new treatment to combat 4 types of anemia has been developed by Dr Tom D Spies and is showing promising results. It is synthetic folic acid, a mbr of B complex vitamin family. The 4 anemia types on which experimental research has been conducted are anemia of pregnancy, nutritional macrocytic anemia, Addisonian pernicious anemia, and the macrocytic anemia of pellagra. (*U of Cincinnati College of Medicine*.)

RADIO: Electronic Time, Inc has developed radio pocket watches. Smaller than ordinary wallet, portable receiving unit will receive only on frequency of "time" station. Station will use wire recorder synchronized with Arlington time signals so that accurate time will be available (in N Y area) to anyone carrying fixed-frequency receiving set, or having office and home sets. (*A P dispatch*)

VISION: New rose-tone lens, product of American Optical Co, prepares eyes during daytime for good night vision. Transmitting only 15% of visible light, as well as absorbing glare and dangerous invisible ultra-violet and infra-red rays, the lens affords protection against blinding daytime glare, preserves ability of eye to adapt itself to darkness. (*Forbes*)

MARRIED LIFE

At the beginning of their married life an English couple made the following arrangement: Whenever he had a bad day at the office, he would put his hat well over on the left side of his head on ret'g home. If she had a bad day at home, she would put her apron on backwards.

Each undertook to respect the other's danger signal. They are still happily married after 48 yrs. —*Catholic Digest*.

OPPORTUNITY

Most of us probably live all our lives surrounded by great discoveries which we fail to see. Therein lies the big difference between the ordinary mortal and the man of genius. The genius is at home to new ideas . . . Elias Howe invented the sewing machine because he didn't accept what everybody knew—that the only way to make a needle was with its point at one end and its eye at the other.—C G Surrs, "Heed That Hunch," *American Magazine*, 12-'45.

PRECISION—Lack

"I am never well—I can't say why," said the patient. "I get a sort of pain, I don't know exactly where, and it leaves me in kind of —oh I don't know."

"This," said the doctor, "is a prescription for I don't know what. Take it I don't know how many times a day for I can't think how long, and you will feel better, I don't know when." —*Christian Union Herald*.

PURPOSE—Lack

A young deacon had to read one of his own sermons to his bishop. The bishop heard it out in stony silence. Then, trembling, the curate said, "Will that do?"

And the bishop retorted sharply, "Do what?"—*London Daily Express*.

SUCCESS

The success-man of the future has to be not a go-getter who leaves his children richer, but a go-giver who leaves his community happier.—I A R WYLIE, editorial, *The Woman*, 12-'45.

TENSION

Nervousness and worry may not be altogether unmixed evils, for according to Richard C Borden: "Nervousness is the penalty you pay for being a race horse instead of a cow!"—*Watchman-Examiner*.

Then you can keep Christmas

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background and your duties in the middle distance; and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are, and to try and look behind their faces and their hearts, hungry for joy; to admit that probably the only good reason for your existence is not of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas.

—HENRY VAN DYKE

WAR—Criminals

If our judging of war criminals is justifiable, then the purpose of the judgment should be fulfilled. Not reprisal for their crimes, not a belated attempt at cure. The purpose of the judgment is to make plain that there is an inexorable justice that follows such crimes. It will not be made clear by softening the judgment, or by forgetting, but by remembering, as Judas is remembered.—JOS LISTER RUTLEDGE, "As Judas Is Remembered," *Liberty*, 12-8-'45.

WOMEN—in Industry

From decade to decade the number of women workers has increased—to 1,800,000 at the time of our 1st occupational census by

"You make me wish I could believe . . ."

Conforming to custom, QUOTE confines its book selections during the pre-Christmas period to religious themes. Our excerpt this wk is from the novel, *BEHOLD YOUR KING* (BOBBS, \$2.75), by FLORENCE MARVYNE BAUER. One of the queries that perpetually troubles contemporary Christians is the skepticism of those who dwell in the turbulent land of the Jews in those brief yrs when Jesus walked and talked with men. How could those who knew Him, those who felt the touch of His hand and heard the persuasive power of His voice; those who listened to His parables and saw His miracles fulfilled — how could they doubt the divinity of Christ? This well-documented story has, as its incidental purpose, an explanation of the confusion, the doubts and misgivings of the people of Israel in those early yrs of the first century.

"But those who receive the word and understand it are like the good ground which receives seed and nurtures it, and brings forth much fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

He looked expectantly into the faces of his listeners, examining them fondly to see the effect of his words. Jonathan, standing too far to the side to be included, saw the Nazarene's exultation slowly vanish, and weariness come to take its place. With a sigh he arose and stood with drooping shoulders, his mind obviously preoccupied.

The young fisherman, John, seeing him, went to him and placing his arm across his broad young shoulders, said affectionately, "Come. It is time for the evening meal."

Jonathan and the Greek physician turned toward Capernaum. Zephaniah said from the depths of his meditation, "The seed is the word. He is the sower—"

"He implies that he is teaching the word of truth, remember!" said Jonathan sharply.

"Is not this teaching, coupled with his strange power to heal, evidence of God-given wisdom?"

Jonathan stopped to stare at him. "Are you saying you believe this man is Messiah?"

Zephaniah stopped also, and facing the young Cyrenian with sudden decision, said, "This man brings life to the dead tissues of

lepers, he brings sight to eyes that have never seen, hearing to ears that have never heard. By a touch he makes the lame to walk straight . . . I am a physician. I have questioned and examined those who have been healed. This man Jesus possesses a power beyond the natural! No man ever taught with such profound understanding of man's needs—his spiritual needs. This man must be Messiah!"

"Messiah will appear suddenly—he will come as King!" Jonathan's voice did not ring with its usual conviction . . .

"The sages have written that there may be two Messiahs. Perhaps—I know not—this," suggested Jonathan, "may be the Messiah who will come before—"

But Zephaniah was not listening. "If," he mused, "I interpret his words aright, his meaning is that those who believe him to be Messiah will be blessed of God."

"The blessed have peace—serenity," Jonathan was no longer flip-pant. "This Jesus has that. Would I had it also!"

But Zephaniah was speaking his thoughts again. "The sages have tried to explain Moses, laying down one restriction and then another until a man is choked by bonds he cannot loose. This Jesus supplements—yes, and fulfills Moses—his worship being from the heart and not an outward act."

"You make me wish I could believe the man Messiah, too!"

sex in 1870—to 8,600,000 in 1920, just after World War I—to 13,250,000 (of whom 2,000,000 were unemployed) in May, 1940, just as our defense program was launch-

ed—to the all-time peak of over 19,000,000 in July, '44.—FREIDA S MILLER (Director, U S Women's Bureau), "The Female Worker," *American Federationist*, 11-'45.



GEMS FROM

Yesteryear

Christmas

WASHINGTON IRVING

Sometimes we incline to view the traditional British Christmas as dating from DICKENS. But Christmas in England was an old, old story long before the festive season was immortalized in the Christmas Carol. Many men had fallen under its spell, among them IRVING who wrote his Christmas Papers while a "stranger and sojourner" in England.

. . . Of all the old festivals, that of Christmas awakens the strongest and most heart-felt associations. There is a tone of solemn and sacred feeling that blends with our conviviality, and lifts the spirit to a state of hallowed and elevated enjoyment . . .

There is something in the very season of the yr that gives a charm to the festivity of Christmas. At other times we derive a great portion of our pleasures from the mere beauties of nature . . . But in the depth of winter, when nature lies despoiled of every charm, we turn for our gratification to moral sources . . . We feel more sensibly the charm of each other's society, and are brought more closely together by dependence on each other for enjoyment.

. . . I feel the influence of the season beaming into my soul from the happy looks of those around me. Surely happiness is reflective, like the light of heaven. He who can turn churlishly away from contemplating the felicity of his fellow beings, and can sit down darkling and repining in his loneliness when all around is joyful . . . wants the genial and social sympathies which constitute the charm of a merry Christmas.

A small boy asked his father if he had any work he could do around the place to replenish his finances. The father assured him that he could think of nothing.

"Then," the little boy answered, "how about putting me on relief?"
—*Magazine Digest.*

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The audience in the college auditorium was impatiently awaiting the appearance of the out-of-town entertainer, who was already an hour late. The chairman of the evening, fearing the people would leave, scribbled a frantic appeal for help and had it passed down the aisle to Professor B, who was a ready and witty speaker. Thinking to break up the stony atmosphere, Professor B began: "I've just received an urgent message begging me to come up here and say something funny."

A student voice from far back in the room called out loudly: "You'll tell us when you say it, won't you?"

To which the grave professor made instant reply: "I'll tell *you*; the rest will know!"



OF THE WEEK

She said she felt like a young colt, but she looked more like an old .45.—*Naval Air Station Beam.*

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Draw your own conclusions: before food rationing ended, point values were: brains, 3 points; tongue, 6 points.—*Harpoon.*

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Mint julep: depth bomb with a southern drawl.—*Armored News.*

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A new mink coat can sometimes be made out of an old goat.—*Judge.*

GOOD STORIES

YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

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While summering in Maine I offered an old shipwright a drink. He refused, adding that he had not touched a drink in 30 years.

I asked what had happened to make him take the pledge.

"Wal," he said reflectively, "I was asked to make a coffin for a mbr of the community who had just passed away. They brought me a jug o' applejack and a bottle o' whisky and I started to work. I kept at the job straight thru the night. By dawn the applejack and whisky was gone. I stepped back to take a good look at that coffin—an' right then I swore never t' touch another drop."

Naturally I asked what had been the matter with the coffin. "Nothin'," said the old Yankee dryly, "except I'd put a keel on it!"—*Coronet.*

A lovelorn sailor decided to celebrate pay day by sending a wireless to his girl in Duluth. After chewing on his pencil for several minutes, he finally turned in a cable that read: "I love you, I love you, I love you. John."

The clerk in the cable office read it over and said, "You're allowed to add a tenth word for the same price."

The sailor pondered for several minutes and then added his tenth word. It was "Regards."—*Sea-horse*

The former vicar and his wife decided to attend the church social of his old parish.

The new vicar greeted his predecessor heartily. "I'm very pleased to see you again," he said. "And is this your most charming wife?"

"This," the other replied reprovingly, "is my only wife."—*Contact.*

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Two little girls were playing. One pretended that she wanted to rent the other's playhouse.

"Have you any parents?" the playhouse owner asked.

"Yes, two," was the reply.

"I'm sorry," the small landlady said, "but I never rent to children with parents. They're so noisy and destructive."—*Canadian Tribune.*

